SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE A G E N D A

TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE

September 6, 2007 - 5:30 P.M. – Council Chambers - Town Hall
CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
AGENDA ADOPTION:
 Emergency Management Report (Bryan Rush) A. Emergency Operations Plan Revision B. ESVAX-07 C. CERT Training D. EMT Training E. EMS Continuing Education F. CPR Training G. EMS Staffing H. Incident Command System 300 I. Information (County Fire/ EMS Study)
2. Committee member comments
ADJOURN:

TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

Submitted by Bryan Rush August 31, 2007

PLANNING

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN REVISION

The EOP revision committee with the help of Mr. John Jester is finalizing the Emergency Support Functions of the plan. The revision should begin in mid-September.

ESVAX-07

The final after action report on the training exercise ESVAX 07 was distributed to all members of council. This document can now be used as part of our planning process for the future as well as helping with the EOP revision.

TRAINING

CERT

A Citizens Emergency Response Team class will be held on Wednesday, September 5; Wednesday, September 12; and Wednesday, September 19 at 09:00 hours. The class will meet in the Chincoteague Community Center. If anyone would like to sign up, please contact Bryan Rush as soon as possible.

EMT

Bryan Rush is teaching a fully state funded Emergency Medical Technician class at the Chincoteague Fire Station. There are 20 eager to learn students and the potential to add more volunteer emergency medical services personnel is looking good. The class runs until early January 2008.

EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION

Bryan Rush, with the help of Kevin Holloway and Patty Drewer the new paramedics with the Town Chincoteague EMS, have coordinated a continuing education program to meet the requirements for Advanced Life Support recertification for all EMS employees. The class will also be open to all volunteer EMS providers on Chincoteague as well as the shore.

CPR

The Chincoteague Police Department will be participating in CPR training September 12th and 13th at the department. EMS employees Kevin Holloway and Patty Drewer will be teaching the classes.

The goal is to have all employees that work for the Town trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which includes the knowledge of how to use an automated external defibrillator. What better way to serve the public?

EMS STAFFING

The twenty four hour EMS coverage began on August 5th. Since then, employees have logged 81 EMS calls. Remember, that is 100 miles round trip and roughly 2 ½ hours per run. Although not mentioned, you have recently read about some of their more severe calls in the last few issues of the newspaper.

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM 300

There will be an ICS 300 course in late September. Bryan Rush has coordinated with the USCG to get a class here on the island. The Coast Guard will be hosting the class. NIMS 700, ICS 100, and ICS 200 are pre-requisites for the course. Anyone interested please contact Bryan Rush. Upper management in police, fire, public works, and Town government should attend.

INFORMATION

FIRE/EMS STUDY

The Accomack County Board of Supervisors continue to debate the study. All fire departments have been requested to submit 10 - 12 ideas from the plan that they support. The study can be viewed at www.acdps.net.

The study suggests the Town of Chincoteague to hand over their three EMS employees to the County Department of Public Safety, to better streamline the county. They do not realize we now have five. It also suggests that the county charge a fire/EMS tax for Chincoteague. This tax revenue would be placed in the county's funds.

Also, there is the suggestion for a countywide fire chief and that all companies turn their EMS billing money over to the county for services.

The Accomack County Fire Commission and the Accomack County Board of Supervisors heard a presentation from All Hands Consulting in July and August. Members from the Town and the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company attended the meetings.